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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF AND ASYLUM FROM
CAMBODIANS

REF: PARIS 09718; STATE 084161

1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES REPORT OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF GOF
TOWARD CAMBODIAN REFUGEES AND BELIEVES LATTER SHOULD BE
ENCOURAGE TO RESETTLE IN FRANCE TO GREATEST EXTENT
POSSIBLE.

2. EFFORTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER COUN-
TRIES TO TAKE FAIR SHARE OF REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA.

3. WE ARE WORKING ON PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE ASYLUM IN U.S.
FOR CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATS, STUDENTS AND OTHERS NOW IN THIRD
COUNTRIES.
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4. U.S. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO HELP REFUGEES IN
TRANSITION TO RESETTLEMENT (TEMPORARY CARE, MAINTENANCE,
DOCUMENTATION, ETC.) NOT RPT NOT TO PAY PREVIOUSLY ACCUMU-
LATED BILLS. FUNDS WILL BE FUNNELED TO GREATEST EXTENT

POSSIBLE THROUGH UNHCR, ICEM AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WHOM WE

HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED. CAMBODIANS SHOULD BE DIRECTED IN
THE FIRST INSTANCE TO LOCAL UNHCR OR ICEM REPS AND FRENCH
BRANCHES OF VOLAGS. (THIS PROCEDURE ALSO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH FRENCH THINKING AS REPORTED PARA 2 REFTTEL.) IF THESE
EFFORTS FAIL, DO NOT RPT NOT COMMIT FUNDS BUT NOTIFY DEPT.
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